

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title with the following title:

Method and System for Sharing Information in an Instant Messaging Environment

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 5, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 1 is a diagram illustrating the sharing of information, such as a wish list, between users according to one embodiment. As used herein, a wish list refers to information specific to a user, such as a data structure used to track items desired by or of interest to the user. A wish list may be empty, or it may include one or more items. The items may be objects as well as non-physical concepts or ideas such as categories or classes of things. In various embodiments, a wish list may be implemented as a list, a table, a tree, or any appropriate data structures of combinations thereof.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 8, line 11, with the following amended paragraph:

User A is then given an option to save the search result (208). In some embodiments, the user can save the search results by pressing a ~~search~~ save button associated with the environment-specific window. If the user chooses not to save the search results, he may continue to browse and/or repeat the search process, and the unsaved search results may be overwritten. If, however, the user chooses to save the search result, he may be optionally offered an opportunity to add additional information or comment to the search (210). This option may be presented to the user as a dialog box or other appropriate input interface. If the user chooses to do so, he may enter additional text or other appropriate information in the

interface provided (212). The user's intention to save is then confirmed, and both the search results as well as the additional information are saved (214). The confirmation is optional and may not be displayed in some embodiments. In some embodiments, the search phrase is saved instead of the search results. Thus, a new search is performed on the saved search phrase to display the currently available items next time User A starts a new IM session. After the wish is saved, an update is sent to User B (216). In some embodiments, the update includes just the changed portion of the wish list. In some embodiments, the update includes the entire wish list. Optionally, an alert may also be sent to User B (216). User A then returns to browse mode and may perform other searches (204).